

REMARKS

Claims 1-40 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-18 are the subject of a first restriction grouping.

Claims 19-31 are the subject of a second restriction grouping.

Claims 32-40 are the subject of a third restriction grouping

Claims 19-31 are provisionally elected for prosecution.

The Examiner has restricted the claims of the present application into three groups. Applicants provisionally elect for prosecution Claims 19-31 which are part of the second restriction grouping (Group II).

Conclusion

Having fully addressed the Examiner's rejections it is believed that, in view of the preceding remarks, this application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly then, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the applicants' attorney at (732) 949-9742, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.